Response on National Labour Commission's report

1724. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 293 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 21st November, 2002 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not yet come out with a comprehensive response on the report;

(b) if so, by when Government are likely to come out with their response; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that in the absence of such a comprehensive response several Ministers have been making different suggestions regarding liberal terms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI ASHOK PRADHAN): (a) to (c) The Second National Commission on Labour (NCL) in its report has made recommendations covering various aspects of labour *viz.*, review of laws, social security, women and child labour, skill development, labour administration, unorganized sector etc. The Government has initiated the process of tripartite consultations and interaction with the social partners for arriving at a workable consensus for implementation of the recommendations of the Commission's report. The report of NCL was discussed at the 38th Session of Indian Labour Conference held on 28-29 September, 2002. The recommendations relating to unorganized sector were also discussed at a National Seminar on the organised sector held on 7-8 November, 2002. The recommendation are proposed to be further discussed at a tripartite committee meeting in February, 2003. However, given the procedure and process involved, it may be difficult to specify the time limit.

Streamlining and modification of labour laws

1725. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering streamlining and modification of nearly 50 labour laws to bring them in tune with the requirements of the changing economic scenario;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal alongwith the labour laws to be modified; and

(c) by when a legislation in this regard is likely to be brought before the Parliament?